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Calendar

SG elections

Tomorrow the polls open for Student Government elections. Polls will be open in various locations around campus, and voting is available online at utexasvote.com. Be sure to check page four for the Editorial Board's candidate endorsements.

Read-in protest

Show your solidarity with teachers in Arizona who are organizing a national "read-in" of books that have been banned by the Arizona government for use in K-12 classrooms. The event will be on the West Mall from 10 a.m.—5p.m.

Cajun cultural dinner

J2 will have a special Cajun Cultural Dinner featuring entertainment, activities and festivities celebrating Cajun culture. In JES Dining Hall 4:30-7:30p.m. Cost is one meal swipe for on campus students and \$8 for others.

Visual Arts Center screening

Join the Visual Arts Center for a special screening of four 16mm films selected in response to Justin Boyd's exhibition "Dub-forms." This exhibition is in ART 1.102 from 6:30-8:30p.m. and admission is free.

Today in history
In 1940

On Feb. 29th the movie "Gone With the Wind" was honored with eight different Oscars at the Academy Awards. The most momentous award of the night was Hattie McDaniel winning Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Mammy in the film, making her the first African-American ever to win an Academy Award.



WATCH TStv ON CHANNEL 15

9 p.m. - Still Life

A group of photographers at their college's newspaper compete for a chance to get an internship at a citywide paper.

9:30 p.m. - College Crossfire

Our three panelists debate the latest in Longhorn sports and beyond!



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Recently disqualified Student Government candidates Antonio Guevara and Madison Gardner sit in the Travis County Courthouse before a hearing Tuesday afternoon. A judge issued a temporary restraining order on the SG president and vice president elections for at least two weeks pending review.

SG presidential vote delayed

Voting will continue this week for representative, other positions

By Jody Serrano
Daily Texan Staff

A Travis County judge issued a temporary restraining order postponing the Student Government presidential and vice presidential elections for at least two weeks Tuesday.

Judge Tim Sulak will next review a suit filed by former presidential candidate Mad-

ison Gardner and running mate Antonio Guevara to decide whether they will be put back on the ballot. The Gardner campaign filed the suit against UT and SG on Monday claiming the Election Code the Election Supervisory Board and the SG Judicial Court used to disqualify them on Feb. 22 is a violation of their First Amendment rights to association under the U.S. Constitution.

The campus-wide elections for all other

positions will still be held today and Thursday as planned, according to the official board opinion from chair Eric Nimmer.

The Board disqualified the campaign for associating with Student Events Center presidential candidate Carissa Kelley by including her in photos, videos, website banners and other campaign promotional materials.

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'Pleasure of the president' hiring allows flexibility

UT staff, administrators can be asked to resign under informal contracts

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

The University's forced resignation of two former administrators falls under University employment rules that give the president the power to hire and fire. However, a vice president took the dismissal action against the Texas Student Media director instead of President William Powers Jr.

Under these rules, some administrators serve "at the pleasure of the president." Serving at the pleasure of the president means that they do not have formal contracts with the University and therefore do not have the same job security as other staff members. Administrative officers including vice presidents, deans, department chairs and various program directors, serve under these terms. Since December, Larry Sager, former dean of the law school, and Gary Borders, former Texas Student Media director, were asked to resign or be fired under this procedure.

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Austin's emerging job growth benefits graduating students

By Sarah White
Daily Texan Staff

The Austin economy will add 45,000 jobs over the next two years, making UT students more likely to receive jobs in the city after graduation, according to the CEO of Angelou Economics.

Recovery from the recent economic downturn has been slow in Austin and in the United States as a whole until the last economic quarter, said Angelos Angelou, who has monitored the Austin economy for the past 26 years. Recently, the private sector has begun to hire more widely, the retail industry has grown and the housing market has begun to stabilize, said Angelou.

"The Austin high-tech industry experienced a rebound last year with a 6 percent increase in high-tech jobs," Angelou said.

Angelou said this development in the Austin economy could yield big dividends in the future because employees

in the tech industry make up about 20 percent of the Austin workforce and bring in about 35 percent of the city's income.

"The high-tech sector in Austin is a unique and distinguishing factor of the Austin economy," Angelou said.

Angelou said although the economy looks to be recovering, it is still a long way from operating at its full potential.

"The past few years have not been the best for college graduates in the job market," he said. "Over the next two years though, college graduates might have a better chance. This is especially true with students who have majors in the tech industry, such as engineering or computer science students."

Amanda Highfill, co-director of the Texas Exes Student Chapter and applied learning sophomore, said she knows students who have changed their majors because they believe certain degrees will get

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Zen Ren | Daily Texan Staff

Patrick Haisten listens to StandOut co-director Ashley Hall speak about gender inclusive housing at a meeting Tuesday evening in the Student Activity Center.

Students push for gender neutral dorms

By Alexa Ura
Daily Texan Staff

Students at the University are petitioning for on-campus gender neutral housing options targeted at students who don't adopt traditional gender identities.

Members of StandOut, a student organization that promotes queer political activism, launched a petition for "gender inclusive housing" at UT last week. Gender neu-

tral housing, which is becoming increasingly common nationwide, would provide students with the opportunity to room with whom ever they want, regardless of sex or gender.

Ashley Hall, psychology junior and StandOut co-director, said the current housing program creates a challenge for students who are transgender or gender non-conforming. These students do not feel comfortable living with some-

one who does not understand their situation or does not accept it, she said.

"Housing becomes a safety issue for these members of our community, but the proposal would be open to the entire student body," Hall said. "The program is about having the freedom to choose who you want to live with even if they are not of the same sex."

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Persistent Occupy London camp finally shut down by the city

LONDON — Authorities dismantled Occupy London's camp outside the famous St. Paul's Cathedral in a dramatic early hours raid Tuesday, clearing away one of the longest-surviving encampments.

The City of London police said 20 people had been arrested as officers removed tents and equipment from outside the 300-year-old church, where demonstrators had camped since mid-October.

Britain's High Court last Wednesday rejected the protesters' legal challenge to an eviction order. Local authorities claimed the camp had harmed nearby businesses, caused waste and hygiene problems, and attracted crime and disorder.

"It's really sad what's happening today but I think we can be proud of what we've achieved," said Kai Wargalla, a 27-year-old student from Germany who had camped outside St. Paul's since October. "Our community is being attacked here, but we're going to reconvene and come back stronger."

Greece Parliament approves cuts to most government services

ATHENS, Greece — Greece's Parliament late on Tuesday approved new cuts in public sector pensions and government spending required to secure a second package of international rescue loans.

Lawmakers voted 202-80 in favor of cutbacks worth a total \$4.31 billion and aimed at bringing the 2012 budget back in line with targets. Lawmakers from both parties in Prime Minister Lucas Papademos' coalition, the majority Socialists and the conservatives, backed the legislation.

The newly approved legislation imposes nearly \$538 million in cuts to already depleted pensions.

Health and education spending will be reduced by more than \$229 million, subsidies to the state health care system will be cut by \$673 million, and health care spending on medicine will fall by \$767 million.

Furthermore, some \$538 million will be lopped off defense spending — three quarters of which will come from purchases.

Limits also are being imposed on collective wage agreements and the process of labor arbitration, with some measures to remain in effect until overall unemployment falls below 10 percent.

The new wave of austerity measures has sparked widespread anger among a public that has seen its income and living standards drop with no clear end to the crisis in sight.

Ohio school shooter killed three by choosing random victims

CHARDON, Ohio — The Ohio teenager accused of killing three students in a shooting rampage in a high school cafeteria chose his victims at random and is "someone who's not well," a prosecutor said Tuesday as the slightly built young man appeared in juvenile court.

T.J. Lane, 17, admitted taking a .22-caliber pistol and a knife to Chardon High and firing 10 shots at a group of students sitting at a cafeteria table Monday morning, Prosecutor David Joyce said. He said Lane didn't know the victims.

Lane will probably be charged with three counts of aggravated murder and other offenses, the prosecutor said.

A thin figure with short dark hair, Lane seemed small next to the sheriff's deputies who led him into court, and said little more than "Yes, sir" in response to questions from the judge.

The hearing came hours after the death toll rose to three, and as schoolmates and townspeople grappled with the tragedy and wondered what could have set off Lane, a young man described by other students as extremely quiet, with few if any friends.

The court appearance did little to solve the mystery. Afterward, though, the prosecutor appeared to rule out rumors and speculation.

"He chose his victims at random. This is not about bullying. This is not about drugs," Joyce said. "This is someone who's not well, and I'm sure in our court case we'll prove that to all of your desires and we'll make sure justice is done here in this county."

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Hard-won victories for Romney in Ariz., Mich.

By David Espo & Kasie Hunt
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney scored a hard-won, home state triumph in Michigan and powered to victory in Arizona Tuesday night, gaining a two-state primary sweep over Rick Santorum and precious momentum in the most turbulent Republican presidential race in a generation.

"We didn't win by a lot, but we won by enough," Romney told cheering supporters in Michigan. He also tweeted his delight and determination: "I take great pride in my Michigan roots, and am humbled to have received so much support here these past few weeks. On to the March contests."

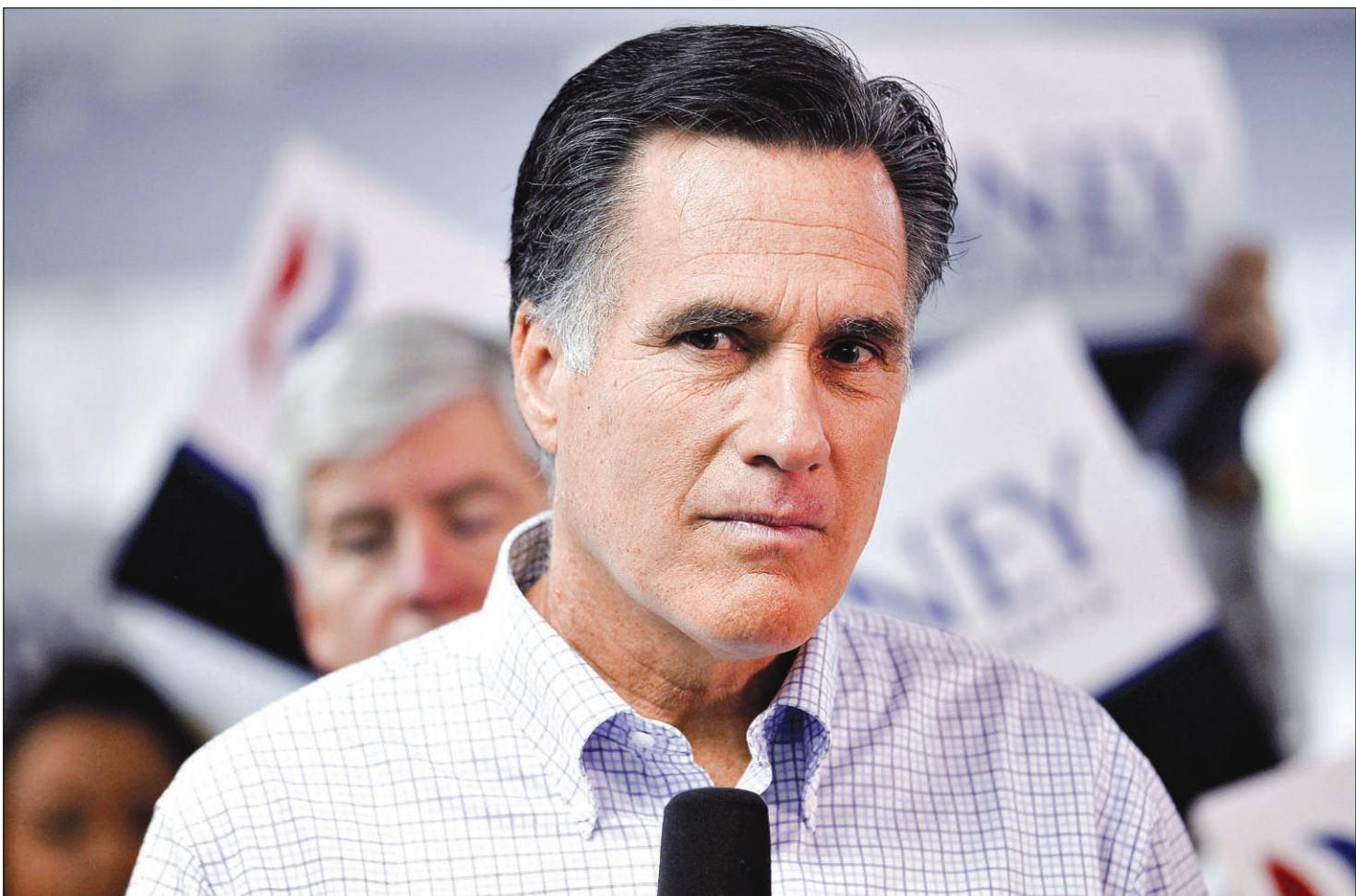
Santorum was already campaigning in Ohio, one of the Super Tuesday states, when the verdict came in from Michigan.

The two other candidates, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul, made little effort in either state, pointing instead to next week's 10-state collection of Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses.

Romney triumph in Arizona was scarcely contested, as he gained all 29 delegates in a winner-take-all state. Michigan was as different as could be — a hard-fought and expensive battle in Romney's home state that he could ill afford to lose and Santorum made every effort to win.

Returns from 82 percent of Michigan's precincts showed Romney at 41%; Santorum 38%; Paul 12%; Gingrich 7%. In Arizona, with votes counted from 52 percent of the precincts, Romney had 48%; Santorum 26%; Gingrich 16%; Paul 8%. With his victory in Arizona, Romney had 152 delegates; Santorum 72; Gingrich 32; Paul 19, according to The AP's count. It takes 1,144 to win the nomination this summer.

The lengthening GOP



Gerald Herbert | Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, listens to a question from a reporter as he visits a campaign call center in Livonia, Mich. on Tuesday.

nomination struggle has coincided with a rise in Democratic President Barack Obama's prospects for a new term. A survey released during the day showed consumer confidence at the highest level in a year, and other polls show an increase in Americans saying they believe the country is on the right track.

Along with the improving economy, the long and increasingly harsh campaign, in which Gingrich and Santorum have challenged Romney as insufficiently conservative, has

prompted some officials to express concern about the party's chances of defeating Obama in the fall.

In a measure this year of the state's importance to the battle for the nomination, the two leading candidates and the super PACs that support them spent about \$6 million on television advertisements, and Romney and Santorum spent much of the past 10 days crisscrossing the state in search of support.

In Michigan, Santorum campaigned heavily for the support of

tea party activists and other non-establishment Republicans, appearing in churches at times and often dwelling on social issues, as is his custom. In a string of attention-gathering remarks in the race's final days, he said Obama was a snob who wanted everyone to attend college, said he nearly threw up over a speech that candidate John F. Kennedy gave about the separation of church and state.

The former Massachusetts governor made a play for tea party

support, too, at a pair of appearances, but for the most part campaigned on his pledge to use his background as a successful businessman to help create jobs and fix the economy. But he was hampered by off-the-cuff comments that reinforced his difficulty in reaching out to struggling voters in a state with 9.3 percent unemployment. He said at one point that his wife drives a couple of Cadillacs, and at another that he was friends with some of the owners of NASCAR teams.

Egyptian judges recuse selves from heated non-profit trial

By Maggie Michael
The Associated Press

CAIRO — All three judges on Tuesday pulled out of Egypt's trial of 43 pro-democracy workers, including 16 Americans, according to a court official, throwing into question the case that has ripped U.S.-Egypt relations.

The defendants are charged with using illegal foreign funds to foment unrest that has roiled Egypt over the past year. The pro-democracy groups and the U.S. flatly deny the charges, and U.S. officials have hinted that foreign aid to Egypt is in jeopardy.

Lead Judge Mohammed Shoukry said Tuesday that "the court felt uneasiness" in handling the case, according to the court official. He did not elaborate.

The official said new judges will be assigned to the case, on condition of anonymity.

The trial has proceeded only as far as its opening session, and it would need to be restarted with a new panel of judges. Coupled with indications that the two countries are trying to find an acceptable resolution to the crisis, it was seen possible that the trial might be called off at some point.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary

Rodham Clinton told two Senate panels on Tuesday that the United States and Egypt are "in very intensive discussions about finding a solution."

The affair began in December when Egyptian security raided 17 offices of 10 pro-democracy and human rights groups, confiscating documents and equipment. It led to charges that the groups have financed protests over the past year with illegally obtained funds and have failed to register with the government as required.

The groups insist their financing is transparent, and all their efforts to register have been stalled by the Egyptian government.

The charges dovetail with constant pronouncements from Egypt's military rulers that protests against their rule are directed by unnamed, dark foreign forces, a claim that is ridiculed by Egyptian activists.

Furious over the charges and travel bans against civil society workers, the United States has threatened to cut off aid to Egypt, putting at risk \$1.3 billion in military aid this year and another \$250 million in economic assistance. Egyptian officials claim the matter is entirely in the hands of the judiciary, and many of them view the U.S. threat as unacceptable meddling.



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Uniting Texas in shame

On Tuesday, a Travis County judge issued a temporary restraining order against UT, postponing the elections for student body president and vice president for at least two weeks.

The decision came after former Student Government executive alliance candidates Madison Gardner and Antonio Guevara sought legal action against the University. Last week, the Election Supervisory Board disqualified the candidates for associating with Student Events Center presidential candidate Carissa Kelley via promotional materials for their campaign. Gardner and Guevara claim that their disqualification violates their constitutional rights because association is a form of speech protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Gardner had ample opportunity through his previous involvement with SG to change parts of the election code he found objectionable. Of course, he never did. He even used some of its more obscure provisions to attack his opponents. However, soon after he was found guilty of violating the rules, he cried about it to anybody who would listen.

During the hearing, Gardner and Guevara’s attorney argued that holding the elections as scheduled would deprive them of the opportunity to put the title “student body president” or “student body vice president” on their resumes and would potentially inhibit Gardner’s ability to eventually run for president of the United States.

The lawsuit, Gardner v. The University of Texas at Austin and the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin, is against everyone at UT,

including administrators and students. It reflects poorly on the University, very poorly on SG and horribly on Gardner and Guevara.

Clearly, Gardner and Guevara are not used to not getting their way. Their decision to file suit affects not only them but the other four candidates seeking executive alliance positions, who have done nothing wrong. The two remaining tickets, John Lawler/Terrence Maas and Thor Lund/Wills Brown, now have to scramble to raise money to compete with the well-oiled Gardner machine, assuming Gardner and Guevara make it back on the ballot.

This also affects candidates vying for other positions, including The Daily Texan editor and SG University-wide representative, as the delay of the executive alliance election may accelerate the descent of voter turnout in recent years into the abyss.

When asked on Sunday what steps the campaign was prepared to take in light of their disqualification, Alex Jones, campaign manager for Gardner/Guevara, told The Daily Texan that a lawsuit was not off the table. He said their actions were protected by the First Amendment, and that regardless of what anyone at UT said about the code, “the Supreme Court does not have to agree with a bunch of 19 year olds and UT administrators.”

What Jones failed to consider was that the opinions of students very much matter. This was supposed to be an election. They wanted it to be a coronation.

— The Daily Texan Editorial Board

Endorsements of candidates for student-wide elections

Editor’s note: The Daily Texan Editorial Board sent questionnaires to Student Government candidates running for executive alliance, University-wide, college-wide, University Co-op Board of Directors and Texas Union Board positions. We did not consider candidates who failed to return a questionnaire.

The Daily Texan Editorial Board endorses the following candidates:

The Daily Texan editor-in-chief

Two candidates are vying for The Daily Texan editor-in-chief position: Susannah Jacob and Shabab Siddiqui. The Daily Texan Editorial Board has decided not to endorse for this race, as both candidates are extremely qualified and the editorial board believes either candidate would do an excellent job as editor.

University-wide representative

Avery Walker:

As a current liberal arts representative, Avery Walker is familiar with many of the big issues that will face SG next year. Most notably, she helped develop legislation about a centralized internship database. Walker displays enthusiasm for proposals such as the Interactive Degree Audit that would positively affect many students in her constituency.

Crystal Zhao:

With her previous SG experience as a liberal arts representative, Zhao is the University-wide candidate that displays the most impressive knowledge of University issues. Though she displayed a troubling tendency to blame students’ “apathetic” attitudes for the shortcomings of SG, especially in relation to the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee, we feel that Zhao would be an excellent voice for the larger University population.

College of Liberal Arts representative

Kornel Rady:

Rady, a first-year representative in SG, has concrete proposals to improve student life at the University, including pushing for a fall break. He also hopes to increase the transparency of SG by improving UT’s smartphone applications.

McCombs School of Business representative

Aaron Fair:

As an appointee to the Faculty Council, Fair worked with administrators to improve the registration and admissions processes. He displays a commitment to representing minority groups, many of which are not typically represented at SG. His fundamental commitment to the future of McCombs shows the promise of success.

Ross Yudkin:

Yudkin has not been involved with SG in the past but has clearly thought about many of the issues facing the University. Yudkin believes, among other things, that TPAC meetings should be open and advertised to students and that the current committee structure is not representative of students. Specifically, his plan to publicize the services McCombs offers its students is a concrete, attainable goal that we believe would benefit students.

College of Communication representative

Robert L. Milligan:

Milligan currently works as assistant director for Hook the Vote, a Student Government agency that works to increase political awareness and encourage voter turnout. He pledges to involve more students in student governance by authoring more college- and University-wide referenda to include the student voice in a variety of issues, including tuition discussions.

College of Natural Sciences representative

Perry Pickei:

Pickei has no previous experience with SG, but to ensure he reaches out to constituents, Pickei says he will regularly meet with and tell natural sciences students about current projects he is working on. Specifically, he hopes to work to increase exposure to the Freshman Research Initiative, to push for a minoring program in the college and to improve bicycle safety on campus.

Cockrell School of Engineering

Kevin Yuan:

Yuan currently serves as an SG representative for the Cockrell School of Engineering and has supported resolutions in support of a fall break and in favor of increased support for electrical and chemical engineering students. If reelected, he hopes to bridge the gap between SG and the Student Engineering Council, improve the process by which students claim Advanced Placement credit and expand tutoring programs within the college.

Student Events Center president

Carissa Kelley:

Despite Kelley’s recent involvement in the disqualification of Madison Gardner and Antonio Guevara, former executive alliance candidates, the editorial board believes she would be best able to lead the Student Events Center next year. Kelley’s platform is focused on making sure the rest of the campus is fully informed of activities and events sponsored by the SEC and improving the relationships among internal committees. Kelley has straightforward, specific goals, including changing the approach to SEC programming, introducing a mentorship program for new students involved in the SEC and exploring low-cost programming options in light of recent budget cuts.

University Co-op Board of Directors

Stephen Tran:

Between working as a resident assistant and with the Faculty Council, Stephen Tran has a wide variety of experiences that would serve him well as a Co-op board member. Tran’s concrete proposals, especially one that would streamline the textbook ordering process, would update existing Co-op rules to benefit students.

THE FIRING LINE

Protecting democratic values

While I agree with John Woods’ contention in his firing line Tuesday that the Election Supervisory Board’s disqualification of two major presidential candidates is unfortunate for the UT student body and will pose a significant hurdle for next year’s student body president, I completely disagree with his characterization of the ESB’s actions as akin to “election by fiat.”

The ESB and Election Reform Task Force worked tirelessly to craft a detailed, nuanced and unbiased election code paired with an equally thorough grievance, penalty and appeal process to ensure fair elections for UT voters and candidates. To the best of my knowledge, the ESB in its decisions to disqualify the candidates adhered to this process, which was proposed, approved and implemented by UT student representatives.

While some insiders and “student leaders” may be displeased that candidates they supported turned out to be incapable of following rules (a trait that makes one wonder why anybody regrets their removal from presidential consideration to begin with), claiming that the institution that was established, selected and adhered to procedures formulated by elected student representatives is the complete antithesis of fiat; it’s unbiased and fair governance. And claiming the ESB, instead of the thankfully former candidates who broke the rules to begin with, somehow deprived UT students of a democratic process is essentially equivalent to yelling at a referee when you don’t like a call.

By disregarding those rules designed to protect the integrity of these elections, the disqualified candidates acted in a manner that is clearly and overwhelmingly counter to the values of democracy, and the ESB used its student-granted authority to protect those democratic values and the election.

Douglas Luippold
UT alumnus, former Daily Texan Associate Editor



Blair Robbins | Daily Texan Staff

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Kate Henderson, vice president and chief operating officer for the University Medical Center at Brackenridge, gives a lecture in the McCombs School of Business Tuesday. Henderson presented innovative health care strategies revolving around teamwork, education and preventative care.

Talk focuses on future of Austin health care

By Bobby Blanchard
Daily Texan Staff

Because 75 percent of health care personnel continue to work at the facilities where they are trained, a UT medical school in Austin would help the area gain more health physicians — something Central Texas is currently short on.

A lecture hosted by UT's Business Healthcare Association on Tuesday night covered the work that Seton Healthcare Family, a health care network which serves Central Texas, has been doing in the medical field and what the future of medicine looks like. Kate Henderson, vice president and chief operating officer of University Medical Center at Brackenridge, spoke at the lecture and said the future of health care is in new innovative technologies, teamwork between different medical professions

and wider access to high quality and affordable health care.

"Central Texas is actually underserved," Henderson said. "We don't have enough specialists today to provide the health care this current community needs. In general, we don't have enough to sustain the growing needs of this population."

Henderson also spoke about what a UT medical school in Austin would mean for the area. She said Austin, currently the largest city in the United States to not have a medical school, would see benefits in their economy.

"When you have a medical school in a city, it gives the city a kind of prominence," Henderson said.

Senator Kirk Watson, D-Austin, has been pushing for a medical school in Austin since last fall, when

he outlined a plan for the proposal. Henderson said having a medical school in Austin is important to building an academic medical center in Austin.

"I think we've been very lucky to be able to attract some of the researchers and clinicians we already have because of the graduate medical education and the residency education," Henderson said. "Having the medical school is the last piece to that program."

Talia Rabushka, secretary of the Business Healthcare Association organization, attended the lecture and said it made her excited to go into health care, where she hopes to be a health care administrator.

"The future of health care, learning about the different aspects and where we can grow, what emerging in the field is all interesting to me," said Rabushka, a finance and public

health sophomore.

Business Healthcare Association president Anand Tamirisa said a medical school in Austin would change everything.

"You are going to have really well known people from all over the country and professors from really top-known medical schools," said Tamirisa, a finance senior. "It's really cool."

“When you have a medical school in a city, it gives the city a kind of prominence.”

—Kate Henderson, VP and COO of UMCB

FCC set to auction off public airwaves

By Andrew Messamore
Daily Texan Staff

Bandwidth ownership will soon change hands from some television broadcasters to cellphone and wireless networks in order to sustain the expanding use of mobile devices.

The Federal Communications Commission has been authorized by Congress to auction public airwaves currently used by local television broadcasters to create wireless Internet systems and cellular networks. The auction would take place in one or two years, helping to provide bandwidth for tablets, smartphones and other data-dependent devices whose recent and explosive growth has lead to a data crunch — particularly in major cities.

"More and more people are using cellphones for more and more things," said radio-television-film professor Joseph Straubhaar. "When you get so many people using smartphones, there's a lot more burdens on the network and that leads to a lot of dropped calls and slower Internet access."

Service providers are forced to choose between raising their service fees or accessing more bandwidth to maintain strained networks, and some believe the FCC is efficiently managing the country's resources in order to keep costs low, Straubhaar said.

"Part of what the FCC has wanted all along is to take bandwidth in television broadcasting and convert it for different services," Straubhaar said. "Since they've used it for so long, broadcasters feel like they had squatters rights to that spectrum. They tend to forget that it was public property and that it was always clear that the FCC was licensing out its usage."

Ann Arnold, president of the Texas Association of Broadcasters, said despite increasing demand for mobile data, the country relies on cable television and it would be hazardous to ignore its importance.

"There are 256 television stations

in the state of Texas, and those stations are the lifelines of their communities," Arnold said. "They provide information about public events, emergencies and Amber Alerts. It's unclear how many of those stations would go off the air if their bandwidth is sold"

The FCC currently maintains that bandwidth would only be auctioned if the station agreed to sell their spectrum. Since demand is highest in urban centers, Arnold said that the FCC could aggressively push city broadcasters to sell their airwaves.

"None of the broadcasters still profiting are going to agree to sell their spectrum," Arnold said. "It's possible that the less-profitable small spectrums in rural areas would sell, but the FCC isn't interested in rural networks. They want metropolitan."

Part of the spectrum opened up by the auction will be allotted to emergency services for networks providing information when others were unable to function. The city of Austin has not yet discussed this possibility, said Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management spokesperson Candice Cooper.

Internet advertisers also see advantages in diverting more spectrum to wireless devices, said Colin Gilligan, account planning director at Austin marketing firm Tocquigny.

"Web searches on mobile phones increased four times from the beginning of 2010 to 2011," Gilligan said. "With more market, there will be expanding opportunities for mobile and interactive ads and add formats that the new network will be able to handle."

The providers of these ads, such as Google's search engine, would benefit from increased coverage, Gilligan said.

"Google might be reaching out so that they benefit from the increased number of searches available with more spectrum," Gilligan said. "More searches means more profit for Google."

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UT alumni hold big presence in Congress

By Rachel Thomas
Daily Texan Staff

Upon leaving the 40 Acres, many UT alumni have gone on to win Pulitzer and Nobel prizes, compete in professional sports, establish major corporations and serve as members of Congress.

The contributions of alumni have been particularly prevalent in the political sphere. UT ranks second on the top 15 colleges that members of the U.S. House of Representatives attended, according to a new breakdown by Crisp360.

Other top institutions feeding into the House include the University of California, Harvard University, Yale University and George Washington University.

Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, said he believes location is a major factor for UT students pursuing political positions.

“Austin is one of the most politically active and engaged cities in the country,” Naishtat said. “There are countless political clubs and organizations of all political persuasions that provide students with opportunities to be meaningfully involved on and off campus in politics at the local, state and national levels.”

Naishtat said involvement beyond the 40 Acres gives students necessary experience before pursuing careers in politics.

“University of Texas students are able to get involved in campaigns, to serve as interns and to garner a great deal of experience in politics,” he said. The study also reported the most common subjects studied by members of Congress while in college. Of those, 34.8 percent studied government and law, 20.9 percent majored in humanities while 13.7

percent focused on business and accounting. Additionally, the study reported one in 20 Congress members did not graduate from college.

Associate government professor Sean Theriault said he believes UT’s government program provides a strong base for students interested in continuing in politics after graduation.

“UT is a great school with a lot of ambition,” he said. “We have a great internship program because we’re so close to the Capitol. And we have a lot of instructors who care about politics, so after you take so many classes it’s hard not to have an appreciation for politics.”

UT College Republicans president Cassie Wright said UT is an ideal place to foster a passion for politics through student involvement and awareness.

“At UT we are surrounded by competent students that represent both parties, and the political atmosphere of UT only fosters their competence further,” she said. “The high number of UT graduates in the House is a product of this politically charged climate. It is exciting to realize that these political activists we interact with on campus are the future of the United States.”

Top 10 Colleges Attended by Members of the House of Representatives

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2. University of Texas
3. Harvard University
4. California State University
5. University of North Carolina
6. University of Illinois
7. Georgetown University
8. University of Florida
9. Yale University
10. University of Georgia

Editor’s note: The ad below was created and approved before the decision Tuesday to postpone the executive alliance election.



A student asks Jeffrey Stevens, executive director of the Senate of College Councils, about the financial aid website at the SenaTea event Tuesday afternoon. SenaTea events reach out to students to hear their concerns and suggestions on how to provide better assistance.

SenaTea allows students to raise financial aid concerns

By Sylvia Butanda
Daily Texan Staff

Students voiced concerns about increasing college tuition and the structure of the student financial aid website at a discussion Monday.

The Senate of College Councils met at the Student Activities Center with the President’s Student Advisory Council for tea and discussion among students and financial aid representatives at the second SenaTea talk of the school year. The purpose of the event was to reach out to students and find out how SenaTea and the Office of Student Financial Aid Services can better assist students with their financial aid concerns, said business honors and finance senior Jeffrey Stevens, executive director of Senate.

“We wanted to educate students on some misinformation in regards to the cost of college and how financial aid works,” Stevens said. “We wanted students to feel like they can approach their representatives and also encouraged their feedback in how we can better the financial aid process.”

Tom Melecki, director of the Office of Student Financial Services, heard student concerns about how the possible 2.6 percent increase in tuition would affect financial aid distribution.

“As of now, there is nothing on the Board of Regent’s agenda to increase tuition,” Melecki said. “We’re going to start distributing financial aid the week of April 9, so if tuition rates do not go up by then, we will use the current tuition rates.”

Melecki said the rates of utilities and groceries in Austin are

going up and, as a result, the cost of attendance will rise next school year even without the tuition increases.

“We will try to reflect that change in the cost of attendance to calculate each of the student’s eligibility for financial aid opportunities,” Melecki said.

At the event, Melecki listened to suggestions that related to UT’s financial aid website in relation to better formatting links for scholarship opportunities.

Economics senior and financial director of the Senate, Bhargav Srinivasan, offered the idea of a two-minute video where different students in need of funds can be featured and show ways students can go about applying for different types of aid.

“Our generation is so excited and engaged with short clips that help us learn about every-

thing that when someone sees the video on the website, it will get more people to access these sources of aid,” Srinivasan said.

“We will try to reflect that change in the cost of attendance to calculate each student’s eligibility for financial aid.”

—Tom Melecki, Director of OSFS

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HOUSTON BAPTIST

Longhorns end losing streak with shutout

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

It's hard to lose when you don't let the other team score.

The Longhorns found this out in a 2-0 win over Houston Baptist Tuesday night, their first victory since opening day. Texas ended a five-game losing streak with the win despite not advancing a baserunner past second base through the first six innings. But a seventh-inning rally produced the only two runs scored by either team and propelled the Longhorns to their first triumph since sweeping Duke in a season-opening doubleheader Feb. 18.

"We've taken on some water but we haven't sunk," said Texas head coach Augie Garrido. "What I asked the team to do today is come out and play this game like you're at practice. Most of them did fine. They did much better than they have recently."

Texas sent seven batters to the plate in the crucial seventh inning, four of whom reached base despite the Longhorns only reaching base five times in the previous six frames. Junior left fielder Jonathan Walsh led the inning off with a single and advanced to second base on



Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Johnathan Walsh had two hits during Texas' win over Houston Baptist on Tuesday. He started the seventh inning off with a single that led to the first run of the game. Texas sent seven batters to the plate in the seventh inning. The offensive surge was enough to get the win.

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Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman pitcher Parker French got the win and retired all six batters he faced. The pitching staff had three hits, one walk and ten strike outs.

Six pitchers allow three hits in win

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

The timeless baseball strategy of a starter going deep in the game hasn't been working for Texas in the past week. So on Tuesday, the Longhorns went with six different pitchers to secure the shutout.

All four members of Texas' starting rotation saw time on the rubber on Tuesday night, pitching at least one inning each.

"Normally [the starters] would be taking bullpens today," said head coach Augie Garrido. "But because

of what happened with Stanford we wanted them in a competitive environment, which forces them back on the mound and makes them put on a competitive game face."

Austin Dicharry started the game for Texas and gave the team exactly what they needed — two quick and efficient innings that led the team to a good start.

Dicharry got through the first inning facing the minimum number of batters and striking out two. He then came out in the second and gave the Longhorns more of the same, retiring every batter but one, and that

was on a weakly hit grounder that just managed to find a hole.

"Those were two of the best innings he's thrown since he was a freshman, when he was one of the best pitchers on the staff," Garrido said.

From there, Garrido went to his bullpen to finish the game — sort of. The next three pitchers to see the rubber for Texas were members of its usual weekend rotation.

Nathan Thornhill was up first and quickly established a rhythm,

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SOFTBALL

Fox ready to face Bobcats after success in California

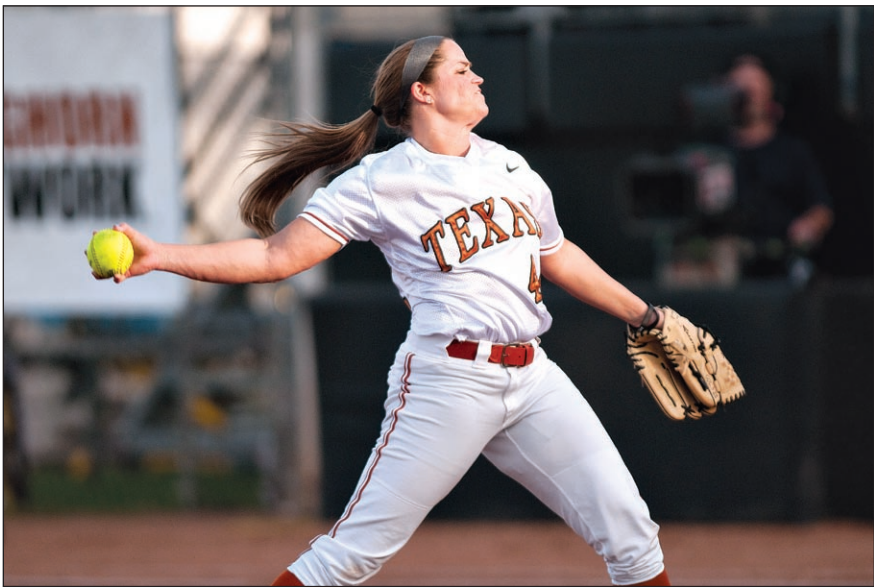
By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

While the team's weekend in California was fun, sophomore right-hander Rachel Fox is glad to be back in Texas and is ready for more softball.

After a long, five-game stretch on the road, the No. 6 Longhorns had two days of rest before facing in-state rival Texas State University in a doubleheader tonight. Texas will then turn around for a three-game series against Sam Houston State University this weekend in Austin.

The Longhorns are up in the polls from No. 8 after a strong showing at the Cathedral City Classic tournament in Palm Springs, Calif., this past weekend. Fox proved to be a solid contributor in the circle with her performance in California.

The Texas native, who is 3-0 on the season, pitched two complete



Sophomore pitcher Rachel Fox is 3-0 on the season and has only allowed two earned runs in the 17 innings she has pitched. She and junior Blaire Luna are the leaders of the pitching staff.

Nathan Goldsmith
Daily Texan Staff

games and three innings of relief and finished with a 2-0 record for the tournament. Fox, who ended last season ranked No. 2 in the Big 12 with an ERA of 1.24,

allowed only two earned runs in just over 17 innings to finish the weekend with a team low of 0.88 tournament ERA. In addition, Fox fanned 12 batters over the

weekend while only walking four.

"I just need to do whatever I can whenever I'm called upon. Just

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEXAS 75, MISSOURI 62

Texas rallies in second half, guards reach 1,000 points

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Staff

After losing its last six conference road games, Texas finally notched a victory over Missouri on Tuesday evening in Columbia, Mo.

The Longhorns trailed by four points at the half but were able to score 46 second half points to defeat the Tigers 75-62. It was just the second road win for the Longhorns this year, but couldn't have come at a more important time.

Senior Yvonne Anderson and sophomore guard Chassidy Fussell became the 37th and 38th players, respectively, to score 1,000 points or more in a Longhorn uniform. Anderson became a part of the prestigious group with a layup at the 17:17 mark in the second half and Fussell followed suit after hitting a 3-pointer with 6:03 remaining in the game.

After the slow first half, the Longhorns opened the second half with an 18-6 run to take the lead for good with just over 16 minutes to play. Texas led by as many as 19 in the second half.

The Longhorns did have some trouble stopping Tigers senior forward BreAnna Brock. On a night where the Tigers otherwise shot

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Departing A&M, Mizzou settle with Big 12 to leave conference

IRVING — Texas A&M and Missouri have agreed to pay \$12.4 million each to leave the Big 12 and join the Southeastern Conference in July.

Big 12 Interim Commissioner Chuck Neinas said Tuesday in a statement that the agreements were reached "though a collegial, respectful process among the Conference, its institutions," and the departing schools.

Texas A&M will receive unspecified benefits from the Big 12's new television contract with Fox Sports and "certain other concessions."

"We appreciate the Big 12 working with us on a quick and amicable settlement," said Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin.

Missouri waived any claims to revenue from the TV deal, which takes effect in July, and agreed to pay the Big 12 another \$500,000 to cover officiating expenses for 2011-12.

"We are pleased to have these issues resolved and we wish the Big 12 and its continuing member institutions the best in the future," said University of Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton.

— The Associated Press

UT Tower lit tonight to celebrate Big 12 swimming championship

The Tower will be lit orange tonight in honor of the men's swimming and diving team's Big 12 championship. The Longhorns won their 16th consecutive Big 12 conference championship over the weekend. But, this was the team's 33rd straight conference title under head coach Eddie Reese.

Texas won the meet scoring 1,014.5 points. Texas A&M followed with 822 points. Texas won 17 of the 21 events contested.

Reese won swim coach of the meet, diving coach Matt Scoggin won the diving coach of the meet and Nick D'Innocenzo and Drew Livingston won outstanding swimmer and diver of the meet. Freshman Kip Darmody won the outstanding newcomer of the meet.

— Lauren Giudice

By Garrett Callahan
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns are looking for their 13th win tonight against Texas State. Texas had one of its best starts to the season since head coach Connie Clark has been at Texas.

Texas' Stengths

The Longhorns (12-1) won their first 10 of the season and beat two strong ranked opponents. Having broken two school records already, one for most runs in a single game and the other for most runs in the season opener,

Texas has proven that it's one of the strongest teams in the country. But what makes them so strong?

For one thing, the Longhorns are hard to stop on offense. For the first five games of the season, they outscored their opponents 60-0, and through the whole season so far they are outscoring their opponents 91-19.

Coach Clark pointed out in the beginning of the year that one of the team's main focuses is their competitive spirit and consistency. Thus far, that has not been lacking. The Longhorns have scored more than half of their total run in the first three

innings of their games. While coming out with a strong start is key, maintaining that start is just as important for them. The team is 7-0 when leading after four innings, 3-0 when leading after five and 5-0 when leading after six.

Also big for the Longhorns is the teamwork that they have on the field. There isn't just one player on the team that sticks out and carries the team every game. Instead, every player has a key role in their wins. Every game there is a new hero or a new MVP that helps the team. Each player builds off the last at bat and bats in the runs when need-

ed. When hitting zero home runs the Longhorns are 5-1, and when hitting only one home run they are 4-0, showing that they don't need the big individual plays to carry them.

The team's pitching staff is one of the best in the country. Having given up only 19 runs on the season, the pitching staff constantly shuts out its opponents. The average staff ERA is only 1.27 while their opponent's is at 6.30. The most runs they have given up in a single game is only five, and that was to the top-ranked team in

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

J’Covan Brown leads the Big 12 in scoring and leads Texas in steals. The Longhorns have struggled holding onto leads this season.



Elisabeth Dillon
Daily Texan file photo

Rematch win vital for conference tourney seeding

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns are walking on pins and needles right now. That’s not good for a team still trying to prove that it’s tournament worthy, and Oklahoma (14-14, 4-12 Big 12) will try to be the edge that hopes to pop Texas’ bubble next.

Texas (18-11, 8-8 Big 12) won the first contest against the Sooners, which marked the final win in its small four game win streak. Texas is 1-2 since then, and hasn’t played its best basketball. After narrowly escaping the Red Raiders over the weekend, the Longhorns will need to turn in a stronger all-around performance to make up for one of their worst statistical trips to Lubbock in years.

They squandered yet another double-digit lead, which the Longhorns also did in the game prior against then No. 7 Baylor. Texas beat Tech 71-67 in overtime, but not without the help of some last minute heroics from veteran guard and Big 12 scoring leader, J’Covan Brown. Head coach Rick Barnes hasn’t been happy lately about the

games Texas has cashed in.

“We don’t understand momentum,” said Barnes after beating Texas Tech. “We don’t understand how to build on it or understand the flow of the game.”

If Texas can take its first halves against Texas Tech or Baylor last Monday, and pair it with the second half it turned in against Oklahoma in the teams’ first contest, the Longhorns would look like the squad Barnes wants to battle the Sooners with tonight.

Texas rallied from a five-point halftime deficit to beat Oklahoma 69-58 in Norman, Okla., in mid-February. Brown was big in that game as well, and it’s his leadership that the Longhorns will need to help set the tone early against the Sooners.

That same leadership helped navigate Texas late against the Red Raiders. Knowing when not to shoot is just as important to Brown as pulling the trigger, so when Texas Tech ramped up its defense with a floating defender shadowing him at all times, Brown didn’t panic.

“I didn’t want to force anything,” said Brown after notching

14 points. “I knew my guy was going to stay with me, and the game turned into 4-on-4. The other [teammates] adjusted to it.”

His patience and confidence in his teammates will need to be on full display tonight against the Sooners. Texas will have to work within its offense to produce quality shots against an Oklahoma team that can clean the glass. While they aren’t the most accomplished team in the league — they have only won one of their last nine games — the Sooners are the second-best rebounders in the conference led by junior Romero Osby. Osby pulls down 7.7 boards along with a respectable 12 points per contest.

Also hoping to help Oklahoma pull off the road win is the Big 12’s fifth best scorer, Steven Pledger. Pledger’s 17 points a game are even more impressive knowing that he does it with 47 percent shooting from the field.

After every game, Barnes, Brown and the rest of the Longhorns are questioned about their “sense of urgency.” Brown says urgency isn’t the issue any more. He sees that his team is practicing hard and understands the stakes they’re playing for.

But he also sees a team whose inexperience makes it difficult to adjust in game-mode.

“Every game now is a must-win for us. We got to find ways to take the energy that we put into practice and put it on the court for 40 minutes,” Brown said. “We can practice for two hours or three hours, and go hard at each other and make each other good, but we have to take it to the court.”

Texas is currently tied for fifth in the conference, and a loss to the eighth place Sooners could pit Texas against a top-tier Big 12 team early in the conference tournament. UT is on the bubble, and it’s a precarious place to be. A win against Oklahoma could put them on much safer ground before the Longhorns close out the season against No. 4 Kansas.

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WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Brackin, Longhorns move forward after Big 12 meet

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

After four days at the Big 12 Championships in Columbia, Mo., the Longhorns returned home to Austin with a second place finish to Texas A&M.

Head coach Kim Brackin had hoped for better. And so had the team.

“As a whole, I’m a bit disappointed,” Brackin said. “Whenever you don’t meet one of your goals it’s disappointing, but I feel really good about where we are right now in terms of moving forward.”

Since next year’s Big 12 meet won’t consist of its traditional fierce rivalry with the Aggies, that second place is a tad more bitter for the team who wanted to defeat A&M one last time.

“They’re disappointed — you can see it in their faces,” said Brackin

in about her team. “It was the last Big 12 meet as we know it, but we can’t control what other teams do. We can only control ourselves, and I think it takes a really mature team to swim through a meet that requires so much emotion.”

The next step, Brackin said, will involve placing the team’s lingering emotions of last weekend’s meet behind them and setting their sights on improvement.

“Now the key is in how they respond,” she said. “Do they prepare, or do they dwell on the fact that they got beat by a team who was better at the moment?”

Despite finishing behind A&M, stellar individual performances aren’t to be ignored, Brackin said.

“Sam Tucker had a really nice meet — I was really pleased with her demeanor through the meet,” Brackin said. “I think it was a good

learning experience for Karlee [Bispo], because she got to learn a little bit more about her best racing strategies before we head into NCAAs.”

Brackin said Laura Sogar’s improvement throughout the four days was crucial to the team.

“She did better each day, each session,” Brackin said. “She was a really key asset for us, especially in the 200 breaststroke. She used the meet to really learn about her swimming.”

She also praised the performance of sophomore Ellen Lobb, who won the 50 freestyle on Thursday and performed strongly throughout the meet.

“Ellen Lobb was awesome,”



Kim Brackin
Women’s swimming and diving head coach

Brackin said. “She is really coming into her own and is becoming a much more confident swimmer. If you’re enjoying it and having fun and having confidence in yourself, results turn out good.”

As for how the past weekend’s events will affect those swimmers continuing on to NCAAs, Brackin said it’s tough to predict, but she hopes it will motivate the team to continue to push itself.

“It could go a lot of different ways; they could be down and doubtful or they could use it as fuel, and I think that’s what will happen,” she said. “I think they’re going to take the desire to swim faster over the next two weeks and hopefully apply it.”

BIG 12 NOTEBOOK

Kansas wins conference, Baylor’s seniors thrive

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

Kansas secures eighth straight Big 12 Championship

The Kansas Jayhawks are Big 12 champs. Again.

KU wrapped up the program’s eighth consecutive Big 12 regular season title on Monday night with a victory at Oklahoma State. It’s the fifth time during the streak that Kansas will not share the title with another team.

“It’s amazing,” said Jayhawks point guard Tyshawn Taylor. “A lot of people didn’t think we would be this good. Our goal is to always win the Big 12 championship.”

KU is 15-2 in the Big 12 and will host Texas on Saturday at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence.

While the No. 3 Jayhawks (25-5) aren’t loaded with NBA talent this season, Bill Self’s squad proved good enough to dominate the collegiate ranks thanks to a penchant for winning away from home.

“For this team to go 7-2 on the road in Big 12 play, that’s pretty special,” Self said. “And the two we lost we could have won.”

Kansas led at Missouri before the Tigers roared back in the final minute, and was tied with Iowa State before suffering its first loss of league play.

Self said before the season began that a 14-4 record would be enough to win the league. Instead, Kansas will go for their 16th league victory Saturday against the Longhorns.

Baylor continues to reach new heights

Baylor’s senior class took the program to new heights during their four years in Waco.

Quincy Acy, Anthony Jones and Fred Ellis have already been to an NCAA regional final and a NIT championship game, but their Bears’ careers aren’t over yet. The trio set a school record with its 95th win on Monday night as BU beat Texas Tech in the Bears’ final home game.

“It makes me want five more [victories] to get to 100,” Jones said. “But why stop at five?”

The senior class won’t have any more home games, but they can build on a school-best 12 Big 12 victories when they visit Iowa State on Saturday.

Baylor made it to the Big 12 tournament final and NIT final in 2008 — the first season for Acy, Jones and Ellis. As sophomores in 2009, they helped BU set a school record with 28 wins and made it to the Elite Eight, where Baylor lost to eventual national champion Duke.

Conference tournament seeding still up in the air

Missouri hosts Iowa State tonight in a game to determine seeding in the Big 12 tournament.

No. 7 Mizzou is second in the league with a 12-4 mark. The Cyclones are 11-5 and sit in fourth place. Baylor (12-5) is sandwiched between the two.

MU finishes the regular season at Texas Tech on Saturday. If the Tigers beat ISU at home or a 1-16 Tech team on the road, they will clinch the No. 2 seed in the Big 12 tournament, which begins March 7 in Kansas City.

ISU can clinch the third seed with wins over Mizzou and Baylor on Saturday. BU needs a win against the Cyclones to get the No. 3 seed.



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Kansas center Jeff Withey dunks over Oklahoma State’s Michael Cobbins during Kansas’ win over the Cowboys in Stillwater, Okla. Kansas defeated OSU 70-58 to win the Big 12 conference.

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Sophomore guard Chassidy Fussell (24) scored her 1,000th point as a Longhorn during Texas’ win over Missouri on Tuesday. She is the 38th player in Texas history to hit that mark.

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poorly (31.7 percent as a team), Brock went 10-of-17 from the field to the tune of 24 points and also had 16 rebounds. Anderson finished with 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists while only turning the ball over once. Fussell scored 16 points and pulled down five boards of her own, contributing to the 40 total rebounds the Longhorns had in the game. But it was the plays of Chelsea

Bass and Ronisha Major that allowed Texas to come out on top on the road. Bass scored a team-high 18 points in just 24 minutes off the bench and Major recorded a season-high 18 minutes while scoring six points and grabbing seven rebounds. The win marks only the second winning streak the Longhorns have had in conference play, the other coming in mid-January with wins over Okla-

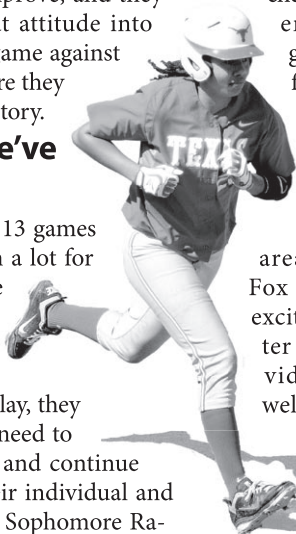
homa State and Texas Tech. Texas now sits at 7-10 in conference play, just one half game behind Kansas for sixth place and a first-round bye in the Big 12 Tournament. With one game remaining at home against Texas A&M, the Longhorns still have a chance to improve their conference standing and possibly receive the bye given to the top six teams in the conference.

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the country, Florida. Junior Blaire Luna leads the staff with six appearances, a 5-0 record and 52 strikeouts, which is more than half of the staff’s totals. Texas’ Weaknesses The No. 8 Longhorns have showed they don’t have many weaknesses so far this year. This past weekend was the first real test for the Longhorns as they played three top 25 teams including No. 1 Florida, No. 7 UCLA and No. 22 Nebraska teams. Winning two out of those three, they took a lot away from this test. In their loss against No. 1 Florida, they realized that there is still

room to improve, and they carried that attitude into their next game against UCLA where they took the victory. What we’ve learned The first 13 games have shown a lot for Texas. While they are extremely happy with their play, they know they need to continue it and continue to meet their individual and team goals. Sophomore Ra-

chel Fox feels this past weekend in California was a good learning experience for the team. “Overall, this tournament was a good gauge to see where we are this early in the season and allowed us to see what areas we can improve on,” Fox said. “I am pleased and excited at where we stand after this weekend. Our individual goals were met, as well as our team goals.”



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striking out the first two Huskies he faced. After a runner reached base on a throwing error, Thornhill finished the inning by inducing a fly out to left. In the fourth, John Curtiss came into the game and quickly took care of business, retiring the side on only 14 pitches. Up next for the Longhorns was lefty starter Hoby Milner, who came into the game and gave the Longhorns two solid bridge innings to get to the real members of the bullpen. Milner gave up no runs but had to work out of a bit of trouble in his time on the mound, which included a couple of hard hit balls and a dropped throw from first baseman Kirby Bellow that almost put a run on the board for Houston Baptist. At this point in the game, the

Longhorn offense wasn’t giving much to aide their pitchers’ stellar performances. But the staff was up to the test. In the seventh, Parker French came in and gave Texas a stellar inning, throwing just six pitches to get through the side. In the bottom of the seventh inning, the offense woke up and pushed across two runs — all the pitching staff would need on this night. From there, French came out in the eighth and mowed the Huskies down 1-2-3, once again. This allowed Texas to get the ball to its All-American closer Corey Knebel, who dominated the middle of the Houston Baptist order facing the minimum three batters with two strikeouts. “We had our whole staff going today,” said junior outfielder Jonathan Walsh. “All of them came in, did their job and threw some strikes and made it look a lot easier than it was. When they came out there and throw like that it makes it a lot easier on the defense.”

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freshman second baseman Brooks Marlow’s sacrifice bunt. Sophomore designated hitter Alex Silver also singled to put runners on the corners with one out. Then, pinch hitter Kevin Lusson’s safety squeeze allowed Walsh to cross the plate and score the first run of the contest. After sophomore catcher Jacob Felts singled to load the bases, senior shortstop Jordan Etier drove Silver in with a sacrifice fly. “I think they have a survivor’s instinct,” Garrido said. “They don’t want to lose. They try harder. They compete more. It’s instinctive at that point.” Before the seventh inning, Texas was an abysmal 9-for-65 (.138) with runners in scoring position on the year. Felts notched a base hit with runners on first and second in the seventh frame, but before those pivotal runs were scored, the Longhorns had registered only three singles through the first six innings. Texas got its leadoff batter on base in the third and sixth innings but couldn’t score either time, including when sophomore third baseman Erich Weiss lined out to the pitcher, who doubled off sophomore right fielder Mark Payton at second base to end the inning. Silver also grounded into a double

play to end a fourth-inning threat. Texas used six different pitchers — senior Austin Dicharry (two innings), sophomore Nathan Thornhill (one inning), freshman John Curtiss (one inning), junior Hoby Milner (two innings), freshman Parker French (two innings) and sophomore Corey Knebel (one inning) — to get the win. French earned the first win of his college career while Knebel picked up his third save of the season. “When everyone’s pitching one or two innings, it’s hard on the pitchers. For them to give up no runs like that, it’s awesome,” said senior center fielder Tim Maitland. Defensively, Texas had struggled coming into this week, making two errors in four consecutive contests — all losses — at one point. The Longhorns committed two more errors against Houston Baptist Tuesday, both by sophomore first baseman Kirby Bellow, but easily overcame them. Dicharry retired the next two batters after Bellow mishandled a pickoff attempt to end the second inning, and Milner ended the sixth inning following Bellow’s second error of the game. It wasn’t pretty, but after losing five straight, including three in a row to Stanford (a team that Texas beat twice in three contests last season and swept the year before), the Longhorns will take a win any way they can.

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doing my job,” Fox said. “I just need to keep the runners off and get us into the dugout as quick as possible.” Fox’s success so far this season, as well as her year of experience from last season, will be an asset as the Longhorns get deeper into their season. Even though there are four pitchers on the Texas offense trading time in the circle, Fox and junior All-American Blaire Luna are the only two with solid game-time experience from last year. Junior Kim Bruins did not contribute as much last season in the circle. Last spring, Luna was overworked late in the season. In the postseason, which included two games at the Big 12 Championship Tournament as well as three games at the NCAA tournament, Luna started all of the Longhorns’ five games. With two years of experience, Fox and Bruins will be able to relieve some of the pressure off of Luna. In the meantime, Texas faces a tough stretch at home that includes the Texas State Bobcats, an in-state rival who always provides a challenge for the Longhorns. “It is always a good game here when they come and play us,” Fox said. “With Texas State being so close to us here in Austin, they have a lot of fans here, we have a lot of fans here, this house [will be] packed and the atmosphere is good.” The Bobcats, who are 8-7 for the season, are on a four-game win streak heading into tonight’s doubleheader. The last time these two teams met was at the NCAA Texas regional in postseason play last May. The Longhorns, behind Luna, shut out the Bobcats 2-0 in the first game of the regional. During the regular season, the Longhorns defeated the Bobcats twice, a 2-1 win at home and a 6-2 win in San Marcos. Texas leads the series against Texas State 27-9. The first game of the doubleheader is slated for 5:30 p.m. with the second expected to start at 8 p.m.



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of his career.

However, Black is far more than just a sardonic, blank-face pop culture TV pundit. He's also an entertainment jack-of-all-trades, and as it turns out, an incredibly gifted writer. His ultra-ironic tone has bled over into his writing in "You're Not Doing It Right" with great success. Black's talents lie in the juxtaposition of abrasiveness and poignancy, evident in his recollections of his mother's transition into a lesbian lifestyle following his parents' divorce, the sudden death of his father and his antagonistic marriage to his wife, Martha.

In typical Michael Ian Black style, "You're Not Doing It Right" is refreshingly blunt and caustically self-conscious: the book opens on Black's recent bout of professional ennui, as he proclaims to his wife that he'd like to retire. Black is fearful that he'll end up like FKF (Fat Kevin Federline), with whom he's become obsessed: "a guy who does not know who he is, what he is supposed to be doing or how he wound up in the unexpected circumstances of his own life."

For a man who went to acting school in New York and once prided himself on his brilliantly arty group of friends, Black is constantly grappling with this bafflement at his own life, especially regarding his eventual metamorphosis into a domestic suburban "every-dad" — except that not many dads are as delightfully sharp, scathing and insightful as him.

Black's repeated expressions of his contempt, boredom and frustration with his wife and young children are actually strangely charming in their honesty. Readers are used to schlocky, super-treacly memoirs glorifying the beauty, wonder and preciousness of marriage and parenthood. Black seems to deliberately subvert this sub-genre by directing his acidic mockery at his family, even while he begrudgingly acknowledges his love for them.

Of course, the near-constant snark Black applies to everyone around him, including his loved ones, make his few lapses into sentimentality all the more affecting. In a particularly moving passage at the very end of the novel, Black even tackles the subject of faith and his marriage to his Catholic wife in a thoughtful and tender way (especially as Black considers himself an atheist): "So yes, I would do it again. I would do it, because as confused as I am about matters of the heart (and pretty much everything else), I do have my small earthly faith in this life I chose, this 'deja who' life I sometimes do not recognize as my own."

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HISTORY

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narrow topic but thought enough about it to make the nomination and rustle up the \$1,000 to pay for it," he said.

Historic ground

For sure, the big events and famous names — Sam Houston, San Jacinto, Stephen F. Austin and the Alamo — get their due in 300 words or fewer.

Houston almost has markers by the mile tracing his trail, including where he first stepped into Texas, as well as homes, campsites, battlegrounds and even

where he bathed in the spa waters at Sour Lake.

The lure is that people like to go where history happened, said Dan Utley, the former chief historian for the Texas Historical Commission who also did two stints directing the marker program.

"They could read it in the books, but it's not the same as standing on the ground," he said.

Take Baby Head Cemetery, alongside Texas 16 in the rugged country north of Llano, which was named by locals in the 1850s after a small child was killed by

Indians and the remains were left on the mountain.

There's also a veritable grove of markers for hanging trees as well as plenty of macabre sites like Dead Man's Hole in Marble Falls, where up to 17 bodies were dumped during the Civil War, and Deadman's Hill in Maverick County, where three traders were killed by Indians and their bodies left hanging from the wheels of their carts.

The ordinary people
All that wickedness is color-

ful, but on the marker roster, sinners are far outnumbered by churches and burial grounds for common folks.

More than a quarter of the historic signposts are connected to churches (2,159) and cemeteries (2,174), Brinkman said.

The marker process begins when an applicant researches a topic, writes the history, and gathers maps and photos. Those five to 50 pages of documentation are submitted to a county historical commission for review and approval. The Texas Historical Commission then reviews it before giving the final OK.

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a new marker before the state commission's staff boils the story down into an inscription.

All 254 Texas counties have markers, including Loving, where a dozen plaques represent 1 for every 6.9 residents. The top marker counties are Travis (440), Harris (433), Tarrant (379), Dallas (365) and Galveston (298).

An initiative started in 2008 aims to fill in the historical gaps, Brinkman said.

An app for that

The Texas Historical Commission's online atlas of markers allows searching by county, city, keyword or address. Each entry

includes the marker text as well as coordinates. Most include a map with a zoom-out feature that can include other nearby sites.

For drive-by historians, there's even an iPhone app that allows searching by city or county.

Utley and Cynthia Beaman put 19 of the markers into a wider context in their book *History Ahead, Stories Beyond* the Texas Historical Markers.

"That's what interests me, not the trivia but that it plugs into broader history," he said.

"But the fun of the markers is the discovery. When you pull off, you don't know what you are going to find."

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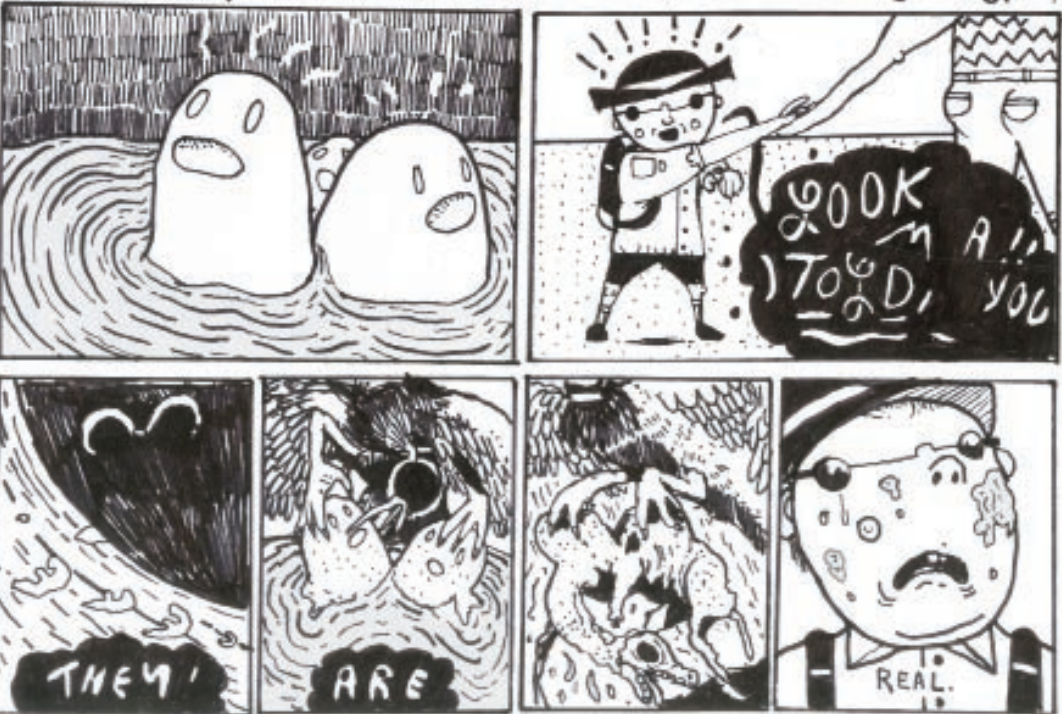
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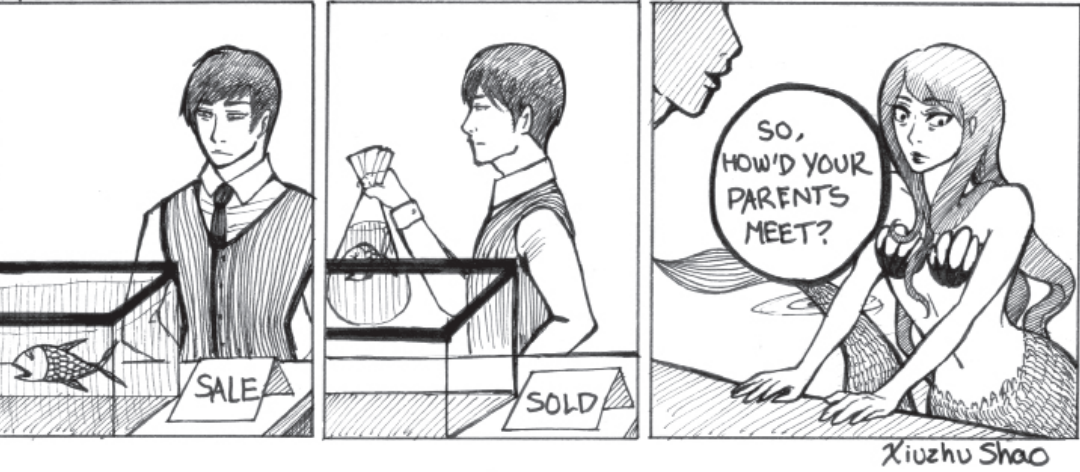
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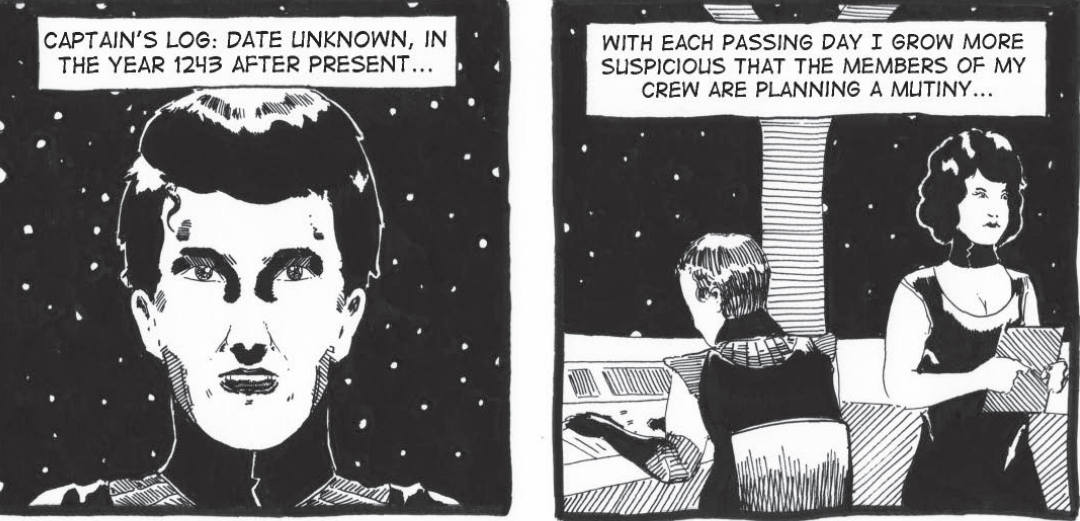


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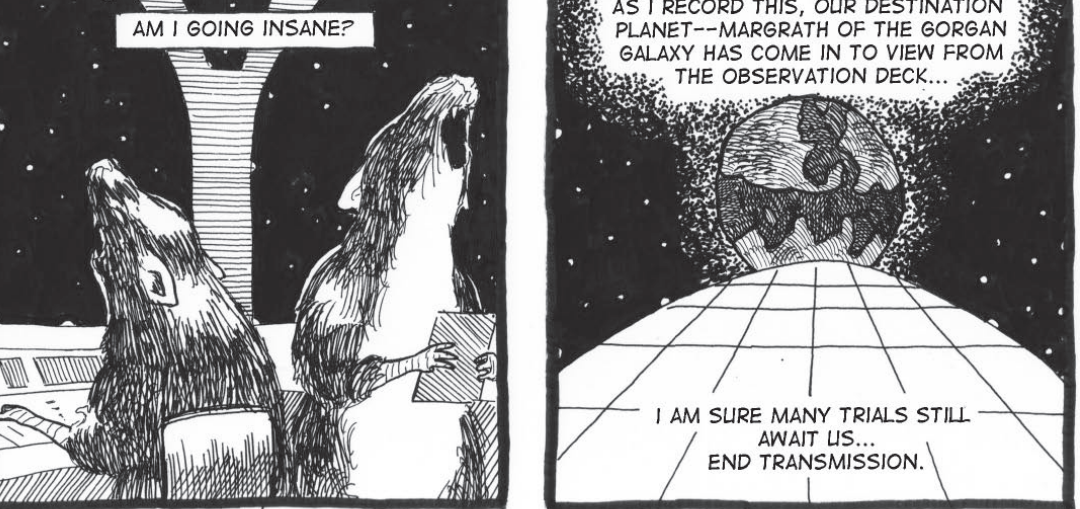
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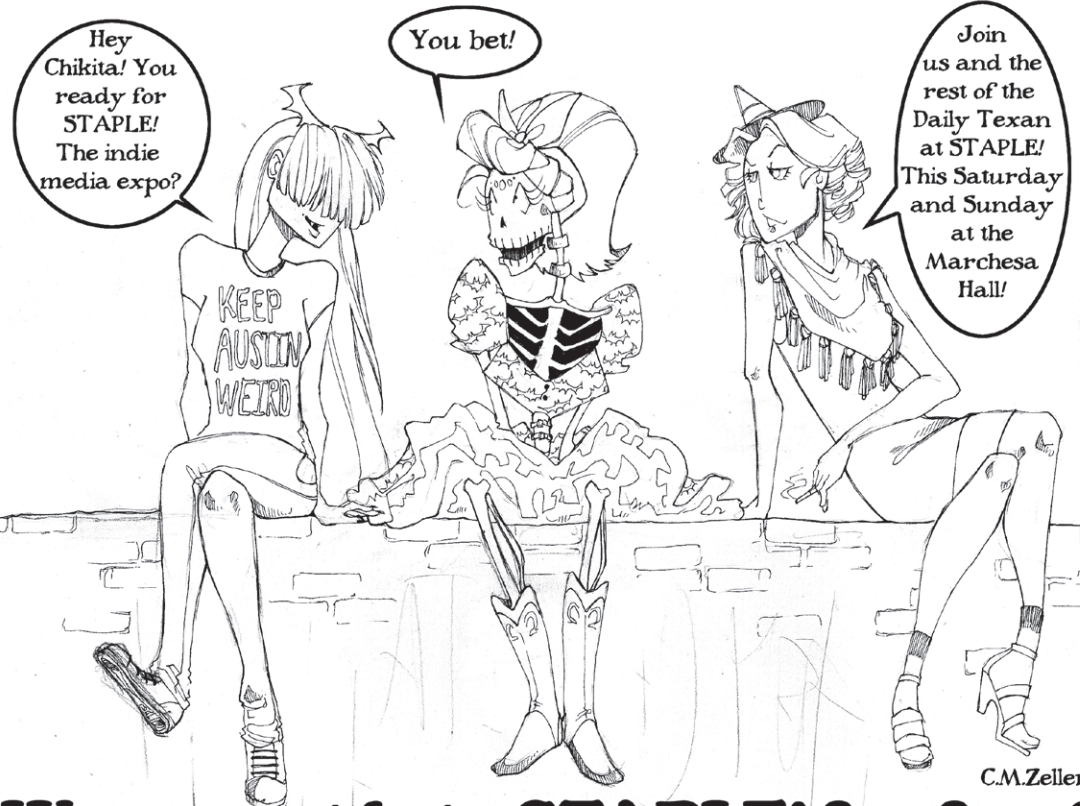


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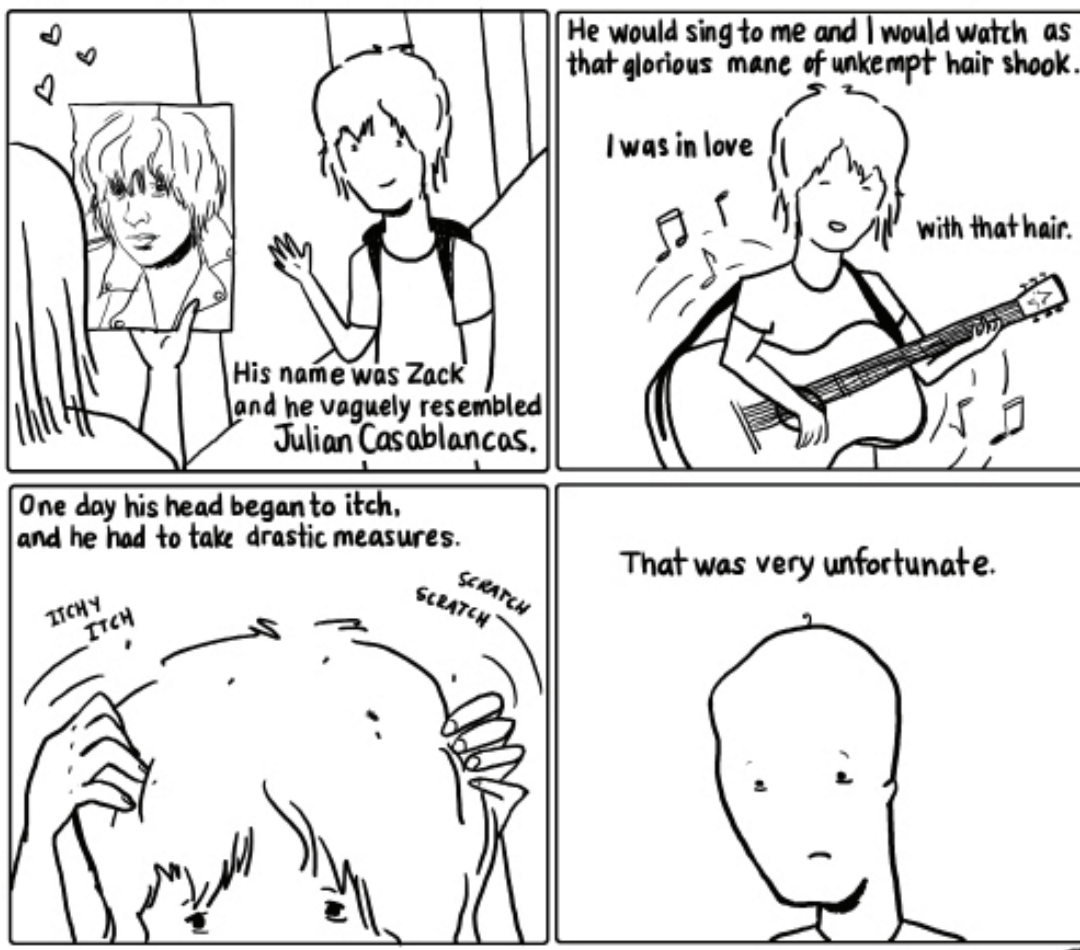
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9 Began a triathlon

13 College in New Rochelle, N.Y.

14 Running behind

15 Afghanistan's Karzai

17 What the annual Dove Awards are awarded for

19 "The Hot Zone" virus

20 Source of T-bones

21 Like winter in Siberia

23 Game with Skip and Reverse cards

24 Baseball card fig.

26 Followers of lambdas

27 "The Crow" actress ___ Ling

28 Song title for both Fleetwood Mac and Starship

30 Kind of aerobics

32 Phyllis's never-seen TV husband

33 Open to suggestion

36 Coming-clean words

38 Indicators of age ... and a hint to this puzzle's theme

40 Sweet filling, in commercial names

42 Inviting a blessing?

46 Sing a paean to

47 Pursuers of the Sopranos, for short

49 Drop ___ (start to disrobe)

50 "Newhart" setting

51 Tre + tre

52 City of Kyrgyzstan

55 Tricky turn

56 One at a crime scene

59 Take illegally

61 Noir or comedy

62 Place for iodine

65 Perfumer's compound

66 "Horror!"

67 Accelerator particles

68 Drunken spree

69 Staph-caused irritation

70 Cherub at Notre Dame

Down

1 Autograph: Abbr.

2 Ian who won the 1991 Masters

3 Yet to come

4 Act starstruck, say

5 Words on a jacket

6 Chorus syllables

7 Ear-related

8 Look good on

9 Gets rid of

10 Indiana river

11 Slights on slides

12 President Fillmore

16 "The Persistence of Memory" and others

18 Name for a bull

22 Wolfish

23 Team ___

25 Trinidad or Tobago

29 Chipped in

31 Like telegrams, typically

32 "Hungarian Rhapsodies" composer

34 Part of a slot machine

35 Any of the "Stayin' Alive" singers

37 Apparel abbr.

39 ___ uncertain terms

40 "Gold Digger" rapper

41 Chance upon

43 "Suppose so"

44 Having chips, say

45 NASA's Grissom

46 Feudal subject

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By Karin Samelson
Daily Texan Staff

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The practice of raising chickens in an urban landscape is often associated with the "urban agriculture movement." Owning livestock in metropolitan areas has been common throughout history: Manhattan in 1859 was home to over 50,000 pigs. But now, cities have established laws because of the sounds and smells of farm animals.

"I started reading about [urban chickens] three years ago. I went to Callahan's [General Store] one day on a whim and bought about six of them and built a pen," said local chicken coop owner Nicholas Arthur.

Arthur lives on a plot of land in North Campus and keeps his chickens in the front yard. Next to the tree stumps that he uses for seats and a table, the hammock stretched out between two trees and the many dogs and cats is the chicken coop. This is a normal sight for the neighbors, but an intriguing adaptation of urban life for those who have just veered off the highway three blocks away.

"I'm attached to my chickens, and I've grown very fond of them," Arthur said, recalling a time when one of his dogs attacked and killed one of his six chickens.

Austinites can buy chickens at feed stores like Callahan's or Tractor Supply Company, and coops can either be built by the owner or bought from businesses devoted to constructing chicken coops, like Texas Chicken Coops or Chez Poulet.

Not only is chicken ownership relatively easy to get off the ground, the city does little to press regulations on chicken owners. According to the blog Handcrafted Coops, which is devoted

to sharing chicken knowledge and encouraging the backyard chicken craze, Austin's city law mandates "no more than 10 chickens per household allowed, and kept in an enclosure that's 50 feet away from neighbors."

Carole Barasch, communications and community development manager for Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, said that the ordinances are enforced by the Environmental Health Services Division but are solely citizen complaint-driven.

"You do everything on your own and stick to the ordinances," Arthur said. "The only time I've had a problem was when [the chickens] were wandering around and someone called the city. They came and gave me a warning."

One reason people decide to raise chickens is for their eggs. Eastside Cafe, off Manor Road, has a garden in the back as well as a small chicken coop. Manager Claire Fielden said that the main advantage of having chickens is their antibiotic-free eggs.

"They're easy to maintain and self-sufficient. The chickens we have yield 'yard eggs,' which are much better for you with a higher nutritional content," Fielden said.

And some individuals have turned their love for chickens into a business itself.

Patsy Graham started raising chickens in her backyard in Houston when her daughter's agriculture class required that they raise an animal and chose chickens. She has now moved to Austin and owns Chez Poulet, a company that makes urban chicken coops for "small backyard flocks."

Graham, who was already in the construction business, supports sustainable living, and her goal is to make it easier for new chicken owners by building durable and affordable coops like "The Austin Ranchette" and "The Chicken Ark."

Some owners face difficulties while attempting to raise chickens in their backyard, like raccoon attacks and sickness.

"I've had in total about 20 chickens, and I've lost about half of those to raccoons," Arthur said.

"Recently, we had a bout of sickness with some chicks and lost some of those. We had to medicate [the others] with antibiotics, and we couldn't eat the eggs for a couple of weeks after they were medicated."

Other than enjoying the nourishing eggs they harvest, most individuals grow affectionate toward their chickens and see them as nothing less than a family pet.

"They're very restful. Sitting outside and hearing the chickens is very calming," Graham said.

Despite the occasional clucking and clean up, urban chicken owners are growing and the numbers in Austin prove that they have more to offer than just being farm animals.

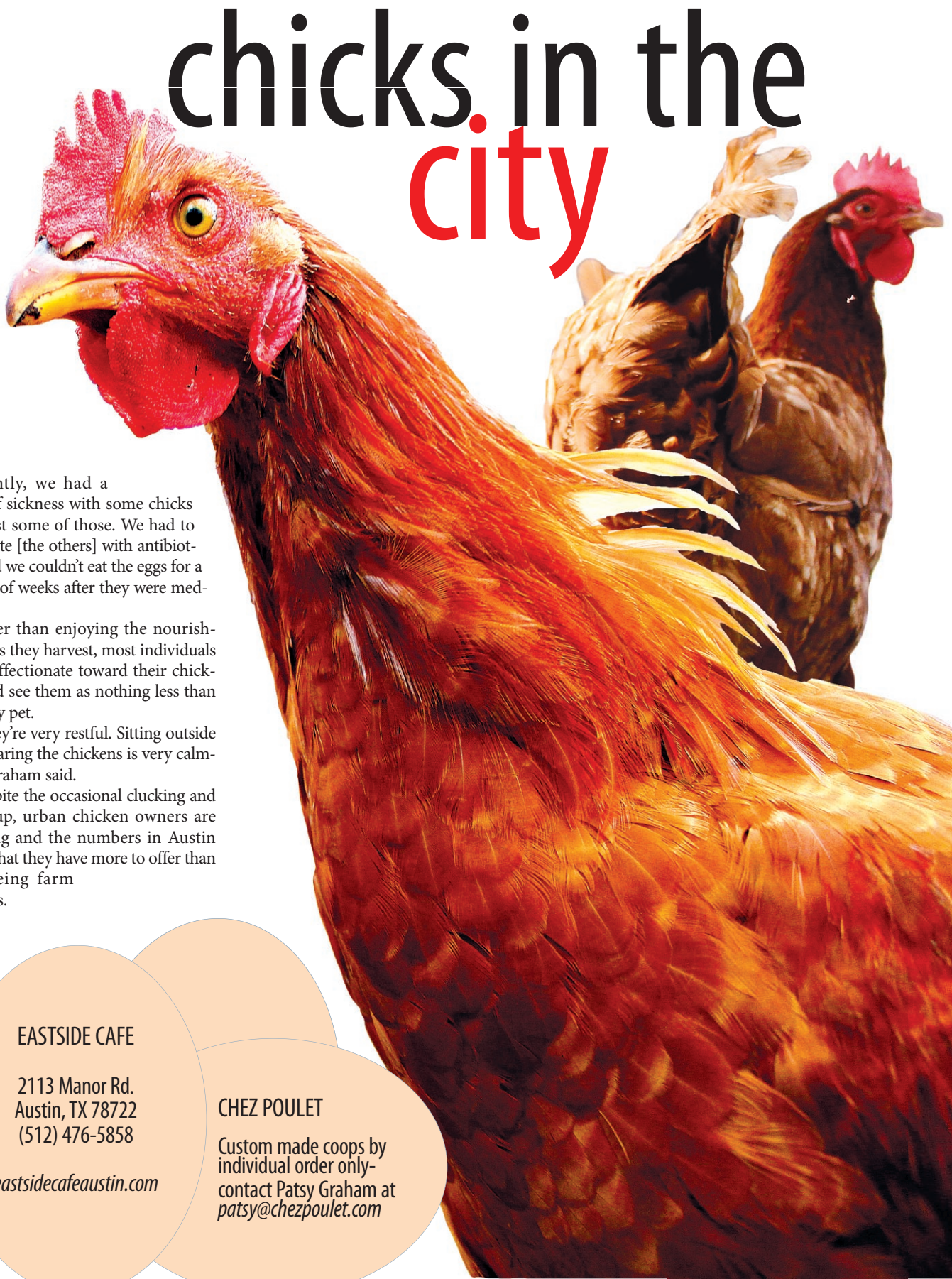
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Springsteen to play intimate SXSW show, scalping prevented through ticket drawing

By Daniel Munoz
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Rock 'n' roll icon Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band will play an intimate concert for South By Southwest, organizers announced in an online press release. To prevent online scalping, a persistent problem on Springsteen's tours, tickets will be given away in a drawing open to any fans in possession of a platinum badge, music badge, artist wristband or SXSW music wristband. Those who purchase SXSW wristbands during the week of the event will not be eligible.

Springsteen and company are currently touring in support of their 17th studio album, Wrecking Ball, which is set to be released on March 6. In a special preview, The Guardian is streaming Wrecking Ball's title track, a tribute to his native New Jersey's recently demolished Giants Stadium, on its website.

Springsteen's illustrious career has earned him and his legendary E Street Band a devoted fan base and spots in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Though his stridently political lyrics have drawn accusations of anti-Americanism from conservative critics, Springsteen's music has enjoyed worldwide critical and commercial success since his debut LP,Greetings From Ashbury Park, N.J. His impressive collection of 17 platinum records includes classic albums like Born in the USA, Born to Run and The River.

In addition to performing on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon this Friday, The Boss, as he is known to his fans, will be giving a highly anticipated keynote speech at the Austin Convention Center on the day of the concert.

The concert, which will be



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Rock icon Bruce Springsteen and his E Street band will be playing an intimate concert at SXSW on Thursday, March 15

all-ages and standing-room-only, is slated to take place on Thursday, March 15. SXSW organizers plan to announce the venue by March 14, and winners of the drawing will be contacted by 10 a.m. on the day of the show.

To learn the rules and details of the ticket drawing, fans should consult the official SXSW press release at sxsw.com/springsteenticketdrawing.

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Comedian's distinct style reflected in memoir

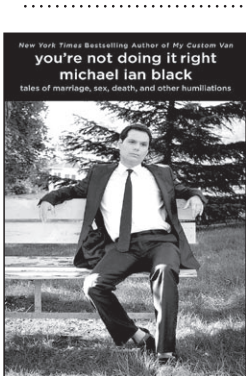
By Katie Stroh
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Michael Ian Black's book "You're Not Doing It Right: Tales of Marriage, Sex, Death, and Other Humiliations" is a harshly honest, moving new memoir from the seasoned comedian, actor and writer.

"You're Not Doing It Right" is a collection of short essays based on Black's intensely personal memories of his childhood, marriage and fatherhood. Although Black does sometimes mine these familial experiences for stand-up material, this is the first time he's ever written in such a frank, confessional style — it's more of an emotionally raw memoir that just happens to be incredibly witty than a straight comedy book.

For those not embedded in the comedy-nerd renaissance that pop

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culture is currently experiencing, Black's face might be most familiar from his creepy, deadpan appearances on various VH1 nostalgia clip shows like "I Love the '80s." This over-the-top, faux-serious intensi-

ty, apart from becoming the best part of an otherwise hit-or-miss series of wacky, rapid-fire jokes, has become a trademark of Black's delivery over the course

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Historical markers tell tale of Texas

By Steve Campbell
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Don Frazier fondly remembers how his father would brake for historical markers dotting Texas highways and byways.

Standing alongside the road with the sun and wind in his face, the Arlington kid could squint and envision history unfurling across the Texas plains.

Turns out, when Frazier was imagining that bygone "by-God Indian fight," he was looking back into his future as an author of numerous Texas history books.

"The markers are one of the contributing factors for my life in history. It was accessible history; I had never seen anything like it. I was learning little snippets, little sound bites on topics that weren't the Alamo or San Jacinto," said Frazier, now a history professor

at McMurry University.

"All of a sudden this was history that engaged all of my senses, and it was awesome," he said.

This year, the markers themselves will be eligible for a plaque: The Texas Historical Commission is commemorating 50 years of placing those familiar metal markers — 15,740 and counting — where momentous and sometimes minuscule slices of the state's past played out.

Before the commission's roadside program started in 1962, Texas had just a few thousand historical markers, most of them in cemeteries, said Bob Brinkman, coordinator of the program.

"That was the change. They saw the need to interpret history at a place where it really happened and as a way to engage the traveling public with a reason to go from A to B," he said.

Texas has way more markers than any other state, but what makes the self-funded program unique is that it's a bottom-up process, said T. Lindsay Baker, a history professor at Tarleton State University.

"The really significant thing is that this is truly grassroots history that local people think is of sufficient importance that they go through the bureaucratic process and raise the money to have these markers placed," he said.

"In most states, bureaucrats do it."

Baker "ramrodded" a marker in Strawn to honor Mary Jane Gentry, a historian and educator who wrote the seventh-grade Texas history textbook that he once studied.

"I'm an example of one of those local people who gets really enthusiastic about an admittedly

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